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SUBJECT: GKR CREDENTIALS VOTE AT UNESCO 18TH GENERAL
CONFERENCE

REF: PARIS 22239 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES SOUND THINKING OF US PERMDEL IN REFTEL
AND CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS IT CONTAINS. WE AND GKR ARE WELL
AWARE BOTH OF INADEQUACY PRESENT GKR PERSONNEL IN PARIS TO DO
THE NECESSARY SPADE WORK, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE IMPORTANCE
OF BEGINNING WORK NOW. IN FACT, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HOU
HONG HAD CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO ASK OUR VIEWS PRIOR TO OUR
RECEIPT OF REFTEL.

2. GIVEN FACT THAT SMALL QUANTITY OF AVAILABLE EXPERIENCED GKR
MANPOWER IS SPREAD VERY THIN, AND THAT MATERIALS AND TACTICS
NEEDED TO BE EMPLOYED IN PARIS NOW CLOSELY PARALLEL
EFFORT UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT AND USUN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER SOME OF
THE DIPLOMATIC TALENT NOW PRESENT IN THE 22-MAN GKR
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DELEGATION IN NEW YORK COULD BE SPARED IMMEDIATELY FOR

TEMPORARY DESPATCH TO PARIS TO GET THE UNESCO EFFORT
UNDER WAY. WHILE EDUCATION MINISTER PAN SOTHI WILL
PROBABLY END UP AS THE FFFECTIVE HEAD OF THE GKR
UNESCO DEP, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEPART PHNOM PENH
UNTIL RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET FROM NEW YORI,
WHICH WOULD AT BEST BRING FORMER TO PARIS JUST PRIOR
TO OPENING OF UNESCO CONFERENCE. IF DEPARTMENT AND
USUSN AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH, AND HAVE IDEAS AS TO
WHICH KHMERS IN NEW YORK MIGHT BE MOST USEFULLY EMPLOYED
IN THIS MISSION, EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS SUCH AD-
VICE ALONG TO HOU HONG, WHO CAN THEN ISSUE NECESSARY
INSTRUCTIONS FROM HERE. ALTERNATIVELY, LONG BORET AND
KEUKY LIM MIGHT PREFER TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER DIRECTLY
FROM NEW YORK.

3. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD SUGGEST USUN ASK GKR DELEGATION
TO AIR POUCH TO PARIS MATERIALS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH
AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 5, REFTEL (WHICH DEPT PLEASE
REPEAT TO USUN).

4. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO TACTICS AT UNESCO ON
KHMER REP ISSUE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
VIEW OF THE LINE THAT, INASMUCH AS THE KHMER CREDENTIALS
ISSUE HAS NOW BEEN FORMALLY INSCRIBED ON THE 29TH UNGA
AGENDA BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (USUN 3294 NOTAL), UNESCO
AS AN AFFILIATED UN BODY SHOULD POSTPONE CONSIDERATION
OF THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE UNTIL THE PARENT ORGAN HAS
ACTED ON THE QUESTION. WOULD SUCH A POSITION BE
ATTRACTIVE TO GENERALLY LESS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED
UNESCO DELS WHICH (PARA 4, REFTEL) ARE GENERALLY DRAWN
FROM EDUCATION-CULTURE-INFORMATION AREAS AS MEANS OF
AVOIDING THIS THORNY QUESTION?

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